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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No.: MBHB00-882-C; 400/019)

In re Application Of: )  
Chowrira et al. ) Examiner: Epps, Janet L.  
Serial No.: 09/653,225 ) Group Art Unit: 1635  
Filed: August 31, 2000 ) Confirmation No.: 4785  
For: METHOD AND REAGENT FOR THE )  
INHIBITION OF TELOMERASE ENZYME )

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following election and traverse in response to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 2002. No fee is believed to be due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1, 4, 5, 10-13, 25-28 and 30 without prejudice as drawn to non-elected subject matter.

Please add new claim 31.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on September 30, 2002.

Date: September 30, 2002.

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